organs for therapeutic purposes and for prevention of commercial dealings in human organs the Govt. has enacted the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 which has come into force w.e.f. 4.2.1995.

Microchip project of BHEL

297. SHRI K.M. KHAN:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL Unit at Hardwar engaged in developing highly sophisticated technology for various defence requirements under "Microchip project" is being closed down for want of orders; and

(b) if so, the steps being contemplated to avert its closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) BHEL has established facility to carry out certain operations for the manufacture of Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICS) in a small section of its plant at Hardwar. The ASICS find applications in Electronic Systems in Industries like Telecommunications, Transportation, Transmission, Defence and space etc. There is no proposal for closure of the Unit.

(b) Does not arise.

Terrorism in J&K

298. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of firings exchanged between security forces and militants operating in J&K during the last six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that militants have recently intensified their terrorist activities in the Doda district of J&K State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken any specific steps to deal with the situation in Doda district; and

(e) if so, the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) As per available information, there were 748 incidents of firing exchanged between security forces and militants in J&K during the last six months (August 95 to January 1996).

(b) and (c) There have been 2 major incidents of killing of civilians by militants in the Doda district recently. 15 civilians of one village were killed on one occasion and 7 persons of a family were gunned down by militants in the second incident.

(d) and (e) In addition to the cordon and search operations being conducted by the security forces, Village Defence committees have been formed in a few villages in the District to enlist village resistance in the fight against militancy. Ex-servicemen have been provided with arms and ammunition to enable them to effectively resist militant attacks. Pickets manned by security force personnel have also been established at important/vulnerable places besides intensive patrolling being done to curb movement of militants. These steps have helped curb the activities of militants to a considerable extent. This is an ongoing process and the situation is being reviewed constantly.

Non-payment of retirement benefits to workers of M/s. Jessop

299. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1677 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 1995 and state: